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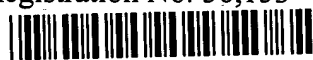
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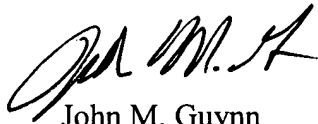
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received any further information regarding the patent application. Accordingly, please inform us of the status of this application.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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